

2013 regular session recap



REPRESENTATIVE LINDA KOCHMAR

Legislation I am proud to have cosigned...





House Bill 1291 - services for victims of the sex trade

- SeaTac and nearby areas have one of the highest rates of child trafficking in US.
- Strong bi-partisan legislation.
- Passed with overwhelming support.

Co-sponsored to help victims of prostitution



Once people, especially young adults and children, find themselves in this situation it can be nearly impossible to get out. As a state, if we can create protections for victims, while seeking accountability for human traffickers and others that perpetuate this crime, we can give victims their lives back. This will help our communities and citizens have safer, healthier lives.

- Rep. Linda Kochmar

House Bill1552 – reducing scrap metal theft

Co-sponsored to help curb the increasing problem of metal theft.



- Bill works in three areas:
criminal penalties,
information flow,
industry regulation.
- Property crimes are not a priority
for law enforcement.
- Costs a lot to private companies...
over \$600,000 by Puget Sound
Energy.
- Passed with overwhelming
support.

House Bill 1512 - fire suppression water facilities

**Co-sponsored to help
local government**



- Law will allow cities, counties, and utilities to do what has been working for the past 100 years.
- Transfers liability for water used in fire suppression back to the water purveyors.
- Passed with overwhelming support

Events and special guests...



Representative Linda Kochmar with Caleb Dawson, Troy Dawson, and Lydia Dawson at the State Capital

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I enjoyed many opportunities to meet with students and encourage youth involvement.



A few visiting schools from our district.



Representative Kochmar with Sherwood Forest Elementary

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Rep. Linda Kochmar with students from Panther Lake Elementary in the State Reception Room of the Capitol Building.

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Making time to meet with each school is important. I want to help encourage our students to be involved in the political process.



I've made use of every availability to speak to with, and educate, visiting groups.



Critical decisions...



BUDGET AND TAXES

FUNDING EDUCATION

TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL SESSION



Prioritizing K-12 education in the budget will meet the expectation of the state constitution and the McCleary decision.

Pitting education funding against other programs doesn't put children first.

The Senate and House Republican budgets proved that taxes are not necessary to fund education.

We cannot only focus on money but must also focus on better student outcomes, accountability and closing the achievement gap.



Funding Education



We must set priorities, live within our means and not raise taxes on already struggling families and residents.

\$2 billion more revenue is expected in 2013.

New taxes proposed in the House budget could hurt fragile economic growth.

We are still negotiating for a budget that mirrors the bipartisan example in the Senate.



Budget and Taxes



Our state's record on transportation efficiency and accountability is poor and needs to be addressed.

Before we reach further into taxpayers pockets we must confront the cost drivers that make infrastructure and new construction expensive.

We should require WSDOT to report to the Legislature on engineering errors to avoid future problems.



Transportation



Special session comes down to two very different approaches to the budget.

The House operating budget would spend more than any other budget proposal.

Leadership paved the way for special session when they broke their promises to end the B&O tax and to veto tax increases.

Citizens are already sending too much money to Olympia and D.C. They can't afford to send more.

Budget negotiators have been hard at work since May 13.



We return to Olympia this Thursday for what is hopefully a compromise on the budget and progress that will end the special session.

Questions?



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